

Mr. Speaker, it is refreshing in a time of perception of contentiousness in the legislative bodies that we can consider a matter of this nature and have such thoughtful, constructive, civilized dialogue on a matter that touches the heart of so many of our fellow citizens. And how fitting to have a survivor of the Holocaust whose whole life and career has been concerned with saving people from tragedy, to lend his voice and his stature, his character and dignity to saving the lives of pets.

And to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS), who has been associated so much with the process of campaign finance reform and other similar matters, to lend his support and his concern, his character, to a matter of this kind and to partner with the gentleman from California, both coasts joining to support something greater than all of us.

As others have said, my wife and I watched the horror of Hurricane Katrina. Jean's home is New Orleans. Her family were there. Two brothers both had property losses, severe property loss. She knew as the cameras moved around the city from one street to the next, I walked that street, I know the people in that house. They have a pet. That dog is up in the attic and they are not going to leave because they cannot rescue the pet.

We will now make it possible to avoid such dire choices in the future by putting in place a structure by which we can accommodate the needs of people and the lives they lead and the pets they have that are important to their living.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much. I wanted to rise and thank Chairman SHUSTER for marshaling this bill through and making sure that Members treated it with seriousness.

I thank the ranking member of the full Transportation Committee, Mr. OBERSTAR, for his partnership in this effort.

I also thank Congressman LANTOS. We have been through many battles together, and this has been one of the most enjoyable ones.

I also wanted to stand up and acknowledge the fine work of Senator COLLINS and the ranking member, Mr. LIEBERMAN, in the Senate for their help in getting this bill through. Had they not taken action and treated this bill seriously, we would not be here today. And, frankly, they made it a better bill. I just wanted to thank Senators COLLINS and my friend JOE LIEBERMAN, who I love very dearly.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I will close very quickly because I am in danger of being labeled as a big softy if I give too much in the way of closing comments. I will close by just asking

all of my colleagues to support this piece of legislation which is important to millions and millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3858.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have up to 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 2832, H.R. 4653 and H.R. 3858.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

ROBERT LINN MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4768) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 777 Corporation Street in Beaver, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4768

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ROBERT LINN MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 777 Corporation Street in Beaver, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4768, offered by the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HART), would designate the facility of the United States Post Office in Beaver, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, Robert Linn passed away in August 2004, at the age of 95. His accomplishment of serving the citizens of Beaver, Pennsylvania as mayor for a record-setting 58 years was a testament to his lasting dedication and friendship to the community.

In 1995 Mayor Linn was officially listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest-serving mayor in the United States. Although he had a long list of accomplishments, his Streetscape initiative, a town beautification project that removed power lines and concrete sidewalks from the main street, was among his greatest.

Not only did Robert Linn serve his community as mayor for a record-setting number of years, but he served as an educator at Beaver Falls Junior High School for 6 years, followed by a 36-year career at Duquesne Light Company.

Mayor Linn's passion was socializing with the people he served, and many in town knew that one of his favorite activities was running the scoreboard for football games at Beaver High School.

Although the position of mayor was a part-time job, Robert Linn will be remembered by the citizens of Beaver as their full-time champion. With gratitude for his devotion and service to the Beaver community, I ask all Members to join me in supporting H.R. 4768.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 4768, which names a postal facility in Beaver, Pennsylvania, after Robert Linn. H.R. 4768 was introduced by Representative MELISSA HART on February 16, 2006. This measure, which has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Pennsylvania congressional delegation, was unanimously reported from our committee on May 4, 2006.

Robert Linn, a native of Pennsylvania, was mayor of Beaver Borough for 58 years until his death on August 22, 2004. He is remembered for his success in making improvements on Main Street, renovations of historic buildings, and preservation of the history and charm of his city.

Anyone who serves a city as its mayor for 58 years unequivocally and without a doubt had its interest at heart. And I can think of no more appropriate way of recognizing his impact than to name this facility in his honor.